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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

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Please visit our website
www.graham.az.gov

Superintendent's Message

Happy 4th of July! In our family, we typically celebrate Independence Day by participating in the parade down Main Street in Safford. Lately this has been followed by the "Just Ducky" fundraiser hosted by the Safford Woman's Club. The kids love watching the ducks float down the canal toward the "finish line." The proceeds from this event go to Graham County students for scholarships. The day ends with a BBQ and then we load up and go watch the fireworks. I appreciate all the volunteers, especially the Safford Fire Department, for providing our community with such patriotic spirit.

In addition to the celebrations and fireworks, we should all remember the wrenching events that lead up to the drafting of the "Declaration of Independence." To view America's historical documents, visit www.archives.gov. You will find images of our most treasured documents as well as some of the more whimsical, such as Elvis Presley's letter to President Nixon.

Wherever you are on the Fourth of July, enjoy your freedoms and your family!

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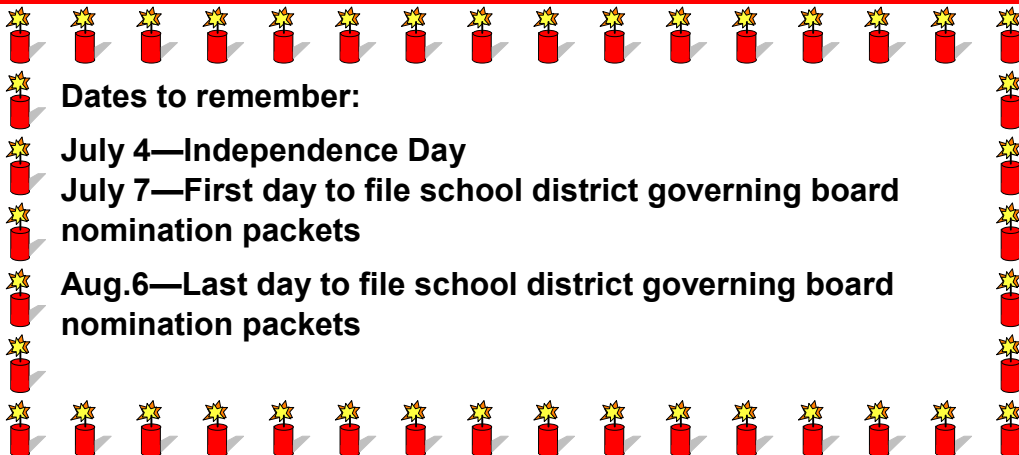
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www.graham.az.gov

Click on:
School Superintendent,
workshops

The Graham County School Office is a member of the East Central Regional Service Center—ECRSC—which includes Gila, Greenlee and Pinal counties.

Our Goal: Provide regionally-based service, support and technical assistance, in collaboration with the Arizona Dept. of Ed. and the Governor's Office of Education Innovation.



Dates to remember:

July 4—Independence Day

July 7—First day to file school district governing board nomination packets

Aug.6—Last day to file school district governing board nomination packets

Arizona Department of Education Early Childhood Education BOOT CAMP ROAD SHOW

“Boot Camp is Going on the Road !!!!!!!”

Participants will have the opportunity to attend several professional development sessions including Approaches to Learning Standard, Concept Development, Language Modeling and Quality Feedback.

Sierra Vista: Sierra Vista Police Department

Conference Room 911 N. Coronado Dr Sierra Vista AZ 85635 July 12 - 13

**Holbrook: Holbrook Unified School District 1000 N. 8th Ave. Holbrook, AZ 86025
July 18 - 19**

**Maricopa County Arizona Department of Education 3300 N Central Ave 16th Floor
Room 102/103 Phoenix, AZ 85004**

August 1-2

**Thatcher/ Safford
Eastern AZ College
Academic Programs Building
615 N. Stadium Avenue
Thatcher, AZ 85552
July 22-23**



Registration now open:

<http://www.ade.az.gov/onlineregistration/>



Grant Opportunities for Teachers from the United Way of Graham County

A new grant opportunity for Graham County teachers is now available! Please follow these steps:

1. Visit www.uwgraham.com
2. Click on “How to Apply”
3. Click on the 2014 Grant Funding Guidelines to read about the United Way’s programs and funding priorities.
4. Click on the UWGC-EducationApplication-2014

Please note that applications will be accepted and reviewed every month except December. Complete and eligible applications received by the 1st of the month will be reviewed and a decision will be made and communicated that same month. Please submit your complete application packet to uwgraham@gmail.com.

About the United Way

The United Way of Graham County is an all-volunteer organization that provided grant support to nonprofit organization in southeastern Arizona. We serve Graham and Greenlee counties, providing funding support for causes in Education, Income and Health.

Our mission: to advance the common good by focusing on quality of life, health and education—the building blocks of a good life.

In 2013, during the February 19th Graham County Board of Supervisors meeting, the United Way of Graham County presented a check in the amount of \$158,000 to Donna McGaughey, Graham County School Superintendent. This amount was divided up and deposited in the accounts of all school districts in Graham County. On behalf of all Graham County Schools, we extend a big thank you to UWGC!

Updates from the ADE Certification Unit

- **STEM Certificate** Specialized Secondary Certificate Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics for grades 7-12.
- **Changes to CTE Certificates** Effective October 1, 2013, individuals may use professional development to meet up to 18 semester hours of education coursework required for a Standard CTE certificate. 15 clock hours of professional development is equivalent to 1 semester hour of coursework. PD training must be approved by the CTE Dept. at ADE, in order to be used in lieu of traditional education coursework. CTE Evaluation form —created to document satisfactory teaching experience in the CTE area the teacher is certified to teach.
- **Speech Language Technician and Speech Language Pathologist Renewals** District Human Resource Departments may verify PD hours and coursework needed for renewal of either an SLT or SLP certificate.
- **Comparable out of state exams** Score reports and verification of teaching experience forms **must** be submitted at time of application to accurately reflect test deficiencies an applicant may have. (Please see ADE's Certification website for further information on this topic.)
- **Social Studies Approved Area Reminder** Effective January 1, 2014, Social Studies will no longer be issued as approved area. Middle Grade Social Studies grades 7 & 8 may be added to a Secondary certificate that has a 7-12 Approved area. It may NOT be added as the only approved area on a Secondary certificate. (Please see ADE's Certification website for further information on out of state certificates.
- **Early Childhood Endorsement** Please see the memo on page 5 of this newsletter.
- **Rules Changes** Align Special Education Certificates to level of severity instead of disability category. Arizona would then issue the following Special Education certificates. 2016 changes: *Mild to Moderate *Early Childhood *Severe and Profound *Visually Impaired *Hearing Impaired. Repeal School Psychologist Interim Certificate effective January 1, 2014 (those that have it, keep it, unless it has lapsed.) Place a moratorium on Speech Language Technician certificate effective June 30, 2014. Early Childhood Special Education Certificate—increase age range from 0-5 to Birth to age 8 or Grade 3.

All questions regarding certification should be directed to the ADE Certification Unit at 602-542-4367 or email to certification@azed.gov

The Tucson Certification Office NEW Temporary Office Hours

June—Wednesdays and Thursdays ONLY:

July—Wednesdays and Thursdays ONLY

August—TBA



State of Arizona
Division of the Secretary of State
Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records

The Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records and Arizona's county libraries are pleased to announce their selection of a new package of informational databases for all Arizonans. The package of electronic library resources will replace the existing group of databases and will be available through the State Library's website (<http://www.azlibrary.gov/dazl>) and the state's public libraries beginning July 1, 2014.

In selecting databases for inclusion in the package, factors included relevancy of the information and ease of use. Databases were included that would meet the needs of K-12 students and their teachers.

Due to a higher cost for this service update, our new subscription options do not provide schools with the ability to set up direct access to the package through a link on each school's individual website, as currently provided.

Educators are encouraged to have students use digital content on the State Library's website or access the databases through their local public library.

For a listing of the resources and additional details, please see this document (<http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/>).

Questions about the package may be addressed to Mary Villegas
at mvillegas@azlibrary.gov or 602-926-3604.



A Capitol Fourth

Live on PBS from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol! Friday July 4, from 8:00—9:30 p.m. ET. America's favorite Independence Day celebration will feature unrivaled performances from some of the country's best-known musical artists, topped off by the greatest display of fireworks anywhere in the nation. Twenty television cameras will be stationed around Washington, D.C. to capture the sights and sounds of the concert, making at-home viewers feel like they are front and center for the show.

<http://www.pbs.org/a-capitol-fourth/home/>



Why Being a Grandma May Be Good for the Brain

Grandmothering, but not too much grandmothering, may be good for your brain, new research suggests. Older adults with large social networks and those who report high levels of participation in social activities, such as volunteer work and visiting friends, have sharper brains and keep them way longer than their peers who are less engaged and less active...

http://www.nextavenue.org/article/2014-06/why-being-grandma-may-be-good-brain?utm_source=Next+Avenue+Email+Newsletter&utm



26 Items You Need to Survive a Road Trip

Road Trip Nation has compiled a list of packing essentials, from A—Z. Pack these 26 items for your next road trip and you won't be sorry! **Appetite**—get read to eat a lot. You'll be snacking on sunflower seeds as you drive; purchasing chemically loaded snacks you would never, under any circumstances, put in your delicate body; and/or stopping at every fun diner you see. Bring an appetite. And some jogging shoes (life's about balance, right?).



Summer Learning

All summer long it's double the learning and double the fun as Eight—Arizona PBS encourages kids and families to explore and learn together with PBS KIDS! To help you make the most of this summer, we've pulled together a few resources you may want to use to help kids keep the learning going all summer long.

<http://www.asset.asu.edu/read/>



KIP (Kindergartens in Progress)

ASSET-Eight, Arizona PBS created the "Kindergarteners in Progress" website for preschoolers, their parents, and caregivers. Children and adults will find Kiptown a fun and engaging place to play and learn together. Kiptown contains five locations. Each location in Kiptown provides an opportunity for children to practice a variety of skills to get ready for kindergarten. All the activities in Kiptown are based on Arizona's Early Learning Standards, 3rd Edition.

<http://www.asset.asu.edu/kip/english.html>



Take a Virtual Road Trip with PBS LearningMedia

This week, invite your summer students on a virtual trip around the United States to explore the sights, sounds, people, and places that have helped to shape our nation's cultural heritage. Use these featured resources as your springboard into discussions about culture, geography, music, and science!



[Wilson & Ditch](#)

Grades 1-4 | Collection

Join Wilson and Ditch, two gopher brothers with a passion for travel, as they crisscross the country on a quest to learn about each new location they visit.



[National Anthem Mashup](#)

Grades 6-12 | Video

Find out how the DJs of PBS's "Beat Making Lab" use American history to inform and inspire their musical mashups.



[Monumental Science in D.C.](#)

Grades 6-13+ | Video

See what D.C. looks like through the lens of a scientist when you follow Joe Hanson, Ph.D. biologist and tv host, on a tour through the city.

[PBS LearningMedia](#) is a **FREE** service offering educators and students thousands of curriculum-targeted digital resources. To access your favorite content anytime

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Seize the Summer!

For young kids entering kindergarten, summer is the ideal time to instill the skills that will make the transition to school smoother.

“Kindergarten has changed a lot since most of us started school”, notes Dawn Quintero, kindergarten teacher at Pima Elementary School and member of the Graham-Greenlee Early Childhood Coalition. “Today’s 5-year-olds are expected to arrive with basic academic and social skills so they are prepared on Day One to start learning to read, write and do basic math.”

First Things First has a list of simple things parents and caregivers can do this summer to help kindergarteners prepare for their big day. Some tips include:

- Read to your child at least 30 minutes per day.
- Talk to your child; make up stories or songs.
- Play games about colors, numbers and shapes of objects. Point out letters and repeat them.
- Encourage your child to draw on plain paper with crayons.
- Make sure that all immunizations are current and have your child visit the dentist.
- Start talking to your child about the change that is coming when they start school. Be positive.
- Talk with your child and set an example of sharing and putting things back where they belong.
- Talk with your child about a typical school day. The more your child knows, the less anxiety he is likely to experience.
- Do a test-run of the new routine, including laying out clothes the night before, waking up with enough time to get ready and eating breakfast.
- Give your child a family picture for their pocket or backpack; reassure them about what time you will be back to pick them up.
- Most importantly, celebrate and enjoy this milestone with your child!

Even if you don’t have kindergarteners this year, it’s never too early to start helping kids prepare. Children who have positive early childhood experiences tend to score higher on school readiness assessments and are more likely to do well in school and graduate.

By turning everyday moments into learning moments, we can send our children to school with the skills – and the love of learning – that will help them succeed in kindergarten and beyond!

Additional tips can be found at azfff.gov in the Parent Section under Early Education.



Teacher Appreciation Night

August 23, 2014

5:00pm - 10:00 pm

Sponsored by TEP

In a night dedicated to educators, Desert Museum staff will showcase 2014-15 school programs. Registered teachers will receive free admission and a \$5.00 dinner voucher for the Ironwood Terraces Grill and 10% off in the Gift Shops.

Guests are welcome at all events.

Guest admission: \$15.50 adults (Arizona or Sonora residents with ID), \$6.00 kids (ages 4-12). Kids 3 and under are free. Museum members: free

More information and registration at: <http://www.desertmuseum.org/visit/teacherapp.php>

All teachers are welcome, however free admission and special offers are limited to preK-12 teachers who have registered.

Program:

- 5:00-6:00 Registration and Check-in on Front Patio
 - 5:30-7:30 p.m. ASDM Education Programs Showcase in the Baldwin Education Building
- 5:00-10:00 p.m. Enjoy Summer Saturday Evening at the Museum.

See <http://www.desertmuseum.org/visit/teacherapp.php> for full details

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Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
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Medicap Pharmacy's 6th Annual Backpack Give Away

We are reaching out to our community for help to stuff these backpacks.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated. The items we need include crayons, notebooks, markers, glue sticks, pens, hand sanitizers, coupons, gift certificates or nutritional information. We would like to have all donations by July 26. We are willing to pick up any items donated. Please call Becky at **Medicap (928)428-6366** with any questions. Thank you for your generosity! Sincerely, Medicap Pharmacy



Hello,

The end-of-year whirlwind is rapidly approaching. Before the school year slips away, we want to ask you to mark your calendar to join us in July for Educator Appreciation month, when all K-12 Arizona teachers and administrators can visit the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) for free*.

Current Arizona K-12 grade teachers, school and district administrators, registered student teachers, teacher's aides and homeschool educators are invited to familiarize themselves with MIM's school-group tours and other educational resources.

Educators are also invited to attend one of our special Teachers' Preview Days on July 19 and 27. Over light refreshments and live musical performances, teachers will be able to:

- See a performance by artist in residence Step's Junk Funk
- Take a sneak peek at MIM's newest school tour option and see demonstrations of our Science Curriculum
- Learn about Common Core and Arizona State Standards curricula available to use with their students pre- and post-visit
- Receive information about grant opportunities
- Win great prizes including: concert tickets, MIM gift cards, dinner at local restaurants, supplies for your classroom, and more

New This Year! For every colleague you bring to Teacher Preview Days, you will each receive an additional entry for a chance to win great prizes. [Register now!](#)

We are pleased to share with you that MIM reached its 100,000-student milestone on March 26. Our current projections are that 33,500 students will visit MIM as part of a 2014 field trip. We hope you will be among those participants.

Please visit [our event webpage](#) in the coming months for the latest information.

With regards,

Carly Ofsthun

Education Manager

**During the entire month of July, Arizona K–12 educators, administrators, principals, registered student teachers, and homeschool educators will receive free museum admission with a school ID, fingerprint clearance, or affidavit of intent.*

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SELECT Summer 2014 at a Glance

SELECT (*Special Education Learning Experiences for Competency in Teaching*) is a federally funded program sponsored by the Arizona Department of Education and offered by Northern Arizona University. **SELECT** courses are recommended for special and general education teachers, administrators, related service personnel, paraeducators, and other interested individuals. Certified school personnel can take **SELECT** classes for renewal hours. **SELECT** classes can be taken for university credit for those teachers or administrators who are required by their school districts to have official transcripts and for those who may need to transfer hours out of state. The classes can also be taken for professional growth contact hours for free.

All **SELECT** classes are taught online and are three (3) credit hours or forty-five (45) contact hours. **SELECT** classes are graduate level – students should contact **SELECT** for a syllabus to plan ahead to meet the work load.

ESE 501 Exceptional Children in Regular Programs

ESE 501 Autism	Sharon Makhoul	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2050
ESE 501 Autism	Sharon Makhoul	7-7-14 to 8-5-14	Class #: 2055

ESE 502 Behavior Management in Special Education

ESE 502 Autism/Bipolar/ADHD Carolyn Miller	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2056
ESE 502 Differentiating Emotional Disabilities and Behavioral Disorders Edward O'Neill	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2057
ESE 502 Autism/Bipolar/ADHD Carolyn Miller	7-7-14 to 8-5-14	Class #: 2058
ESE 502 Differentiating Emotional Disabilities And Behavioral Disorders Edward O'Neill	7-7-14 to 8-5-14	Class #: 2059

ESE 504 Methods and Materials in Special Education

ESE 504 Assistive Technologies Matthew Press	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2060
ESE 504 Common Core Standards Leila Williams	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2061
ESE 504 Early Childhood Social Emotional Development Jenning Prevatte	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2063
ESE 504 Early Childhood Instructional Strategies Aligned with Common Core Standards Lauren Zbyszinski	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2066
ESE 504 Family Centered Practices Lisa Lacy	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2070
ESE 504 Implementing Effective Co-Teaching Practices in the Classroom Kira Shank	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2076
ESE 504 Reading Skills Children's Literature Aligned with Common Core Standards Autumn Cardott	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2077
ESE 504 Research Based Math Aligned with Common Core Standards Sharon Makhoul	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2078
ESE 504 Early Childhood Instructional Strategies Aligned with Common Core Standards Lauren Zbyszinski	7-7-14 to 8-5-14	Class #: 2079
ESE 504 Family Centered Practices Lisa Lacy	7-7-14 to 8-5-14	Class #: 2080
ESE 504 Reading Skills Children's Literature Aligned with Common Core Standards Autumn Cardott	7-7-14 to 8-5-14	Class #: 2081
ESE 504 Research Based Math Aligned with Common Core Standards Sharon Makhoul	7-7-14 to 8-5-14	Class #: 2082

ESE 505 Consultation Techniques in Special Education

ESE 505 Individual Education Plan Process Aligned with Common Core Standards Laurie Dietz	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2083
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ESE 505 Consultation Techniques in Special Education

ESE 505 Individual Education Plan Process

Aligned with Common Core Standards Laurie Dietz 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2084

ESE 506 Administration and Supervision of Special Education

ESE 506 Compliance on a Shoestring for

Small Schools and Charters Edward O'Neill 6-2-14 to 7-1-14 Class #: 2085

ESE 506 Introduction to Special Education

Administration Maria Berecin-Rascon 6-2-14 to 7-1-14 Class #: 2087

ESE 506 Compliance on a Shoestring for

Small Schools and Charters Edward O'Neill 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2088

ESE 506 Finance for Special Education Directors Maria Berecin-Rascon 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2089

ESE 506 Legal Aspects and Compliance Jane Rupard 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2102

ESE 509 Foundations of Special Education

ESE 509 Autism Rene Villalva 6-2-14 to 7-1-14 Class #: 2090

ESE 509 Early Childhood Autism Autumn Cardott 6-2-14 to 7-1-14 Class #: 2091

ESE 509 Early Childhood Development

And Learning Laurie Dietz 6-2-14 to 7-1-14 Class #: 2093

ESE 509 Early Childhood Language Development Deb Mikkelsen-Shuga 6-2-14 to 7-1-14 Class #: 2094

ESE 509 Traumatic Brain Injuries

And Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Stephanie Beckert 6-2-14 to 7-1-14 Class #: 2095

ESE 509 Autism Rene Villalva 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2096

ESE 509 Early Childhood Autism Autumn Cardott 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2097

ESE 509 Early Childhood Development

And Learning Laurie Dietz 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2098

ESE 509 Early Childhood Language Development Deb Mikkelsen-Shuga 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2099

ESE 509 Traumatic Brain Injury

And Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Stephanie Beckert 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2100

SELECT courses can be taken for renewal hours for credit or for professional growth contact hours.

Classes can be taken for credit if your district requires an official transcript or if you may wish to use hours in another state. If you have any questions about renewal requirements, please contact the Arizona Department of Education Certification Office in Phoenix at (602) 542-4367 or Online at: <http://www.azed.gov/> or Email: <http://www.azed.gov/about-ade/question/>. **SELECT** courses may not apply to a degree program without prior approval from your academic advisor.

The deadline for Professional Growth enrollment is **two weeks** prior to the class start date.

Enrollment Information: Online: <http://nau.edu/SBS/IHD/Programs/SELECT-Program/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SELECTProgram> Email: select@nau.edu

Phone: 928-523-1809 or 520-879-7924; Fax: 928-523-9127 Write to: NAU / **SELECT** Program; PO Box 5630; Flagstaff, AZ 86011

SAFFORD CITY GRAHAM COUNTY LIBRARY



808 S. Seventh Ave.
Safford, AZ 85546
(928) 432-4165

The Safford City / Graham County Library offers services beyond checking out books. The Graham County School Superintendent has partnered with the library to offer homework help for students from kindergarten through college. **It's free to Graham County students.** Visit the library's homepage at www.cityofsafford.us and click on the *Homework Help* icon. This will lead you to the icon for **Tutor.com**. "Check out" this free tool and get help on any subject.

Citizens looking for help with finding a job should take advantage of the services offered by Job Skills Instructor, Kevin Hansen. Mr. Hansen offers help in finding jobs and preparing resumes. Additionally, he will help coach job seekers as they practice their interview skills. This is a great service!

The library has partnered with *First Things First* to enhance literacy skills in our youngest population. In addition to story time, parents can bring their children to the Brain Box sessions and other preschool activities scheduled throughout the year. The library has secured a grant from First Things First to fund the Imagination Library Book Club. Children ages birth through five can be signed up to receive a free, age-appropriate book in the mail each month. These are just a few of the wonderful things families can explore due to the partnerships formed by the library.

Visit the Safford City / Graham County Library in person or online!



The Safford City—Graham County Library has partnered with the Arizona State Library to bring a fabulous FREE database of eBooks to our students!

Visit www.saffordlibrary.org

On the left side of the screen, click on "TumbleBooks / eBooks for Kids

"Check out" the titles, which now include non-fiction!

The books are indexed by reading levels, grade, and lexile.

Take advantage of this valuable opportunity—it's free!

Visit the Gift Shop!

Safford City / Graham County Library

808 S. Seventh Ave.

Safford, AZ 85546 928-432-4165

Hours: Mon.—Thursday 10:00 a.m. —7:00 p.m. Closed Friday—Sunday



Grant Funding Alerts

It's never too early to start working on a grant!

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. Grants

Mini-Grants for Education Application Window: May 1st –Oct. 30th

(Start planning for next year!)

Please visit www.freeportinmycommunity.com Click on: Our Programs

Grants in the range of \$100—\$500 a school is eligible to receive up to four mini-grants per year. Additional grant opportunities are available including the STEM Education grant. Graham County received nearly \$500,000 in the recent round of Community Investment Fund grant awards held in August. Thank you Freeport-McMoRan!

Toshiba America Foundation Grants

Deadline: August 1st, rolling

Toshiba America Foundation accepts applications from teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students. Grade 6-12 grant requests for \$5,000 or more are accepted and reviewed twice a year—Aug. 1st and February 1st. (\$1,000 grant applications for grades K-5 are due October 1st.

<http://www.toshiba.com/taf/index.jsp>

The Home Depot Foundation Community Impact Grants

Deadline: August 15

Grants, up to \$5,000, are available to nonprofit organizations and tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. Priority will be given to volunteer projects that serve veterans and their families.

<http://homedepotfoundation.org/page/applying-for-a-grant>

Afterschool Alliance & Dollar General Afterschool Literacy Award

Deadline: August 15

The Afterschool Alliance and the Dollar General Literacy Foundation are seeking nominations for afterschool programs that have excelled in providing literacy support to middle school students to win the first ever Dollar General Afterschool Literacy Award worth up to \$10,000.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DGALA>



Grant Funding Alerts

It's never too early to start working on a grant!

American Honda Foundation

Deadline: August 1st

Amount: \$20,000—\$75,000

The American Honda Foundation makes grants that support youth education, with a specific focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics, as well as the environment, job training and literacy.

<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Captain Planet Foundation

Deadline: September 30th

Amount: \$500—\$2,500

Grants from the Captain Planet Foundation are intended to: provide hands-on environmental stewardship opportunities for youth; serve as a catalyst to getting environment-based education in schools, etc.

<http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>

Kinder Morgan Foundation K-12 Education, Environmental Education, Arts, and Youth Development Grants

Deadline: 10th of every month

Amount: \$1,000—\$5,000

"The Kinder Morgan Foundation believes that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and our mission is to provide them with opportunities to learn and grow. Our goal is to help today's science, math and music students become the engineers, educators and musicians who will support our diverse communities for many years to come. To accomplish this goal, we fund programs that promote the academic and artistic interests of young people in the many cities and towns across North America where Kinder Morgan operates. We provide program support only. The program must benefit youth in grades K-12 only."

<http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/>

They did it!

Fort Thomas High School and Safford High School have both been granted awards by Science Foundation Arizona. The grants are part of Science Foundation Arizona's Rural and Remote Initiative.

Congratulations!

Professional Development Opportunities/ Grant Funding Alerts

Strengthening Secondary Education

Deadline: Open

Amount: \$100,000—\$200,000

Sponsor: Arthur Vining Davis Foundation

Type: Education

Grants are made for innovative professional development programs that strengthen teachers and their teaching in grades 9-12.

<http://www.avdf.org/FoundationPrograms/SecondaryEducation.aspx>

D-Backs Program Grants

D-Backs program grants are given statewide to non-profit organizations. Funds for these grants are raised throughout the season through team fundraising events, including the annual Evening on the Diamond benefit dinner, Shirts Off Our D-Backs and additional events. All 501(c) 3 non-profit organization in Arizona are welcome to apply for funding, however, funding must be serving the people of Arizona. The deadline is open and the amount of grant funding available for projects is \$1,000—\$5,000. For more info:

<http://arizona.diamondbacks.mlb.com/ari/community/grants.jsp>

KaBOOM! Let's Play Grants

Deadlines: Rolling

Dr. Pepper Snapple Group & KaBOOM! Are excited to offer \$500 Let's Play Completion Grants to qualifying Do-It-Yourself communities to be used toward the improvement of an existing playground built using the KaBoom! Community build model and \$750 Let's Play Maintenance Grants to communities who wish to make their playgrounds cleaner, safer and more inviting.

http://kaboom.org/about_kaboom/programs/grants

KaBOOM! Spruce Project Grants

Deadline: Rolling

Are you itching to serve? Organize your friends, clean up a playground, and you can be eligible for \$750, courtesy of Dr. Pepper Snapple Group. The grant is part of the Let's Play initiative to get kids and families active.

<http://grants.kaboom.org>

VEX Robotics

Schools interested in learning more about VEX Robotics and available grants should visit

<http://www.vexrobotics.com>
www.roboticseducation.org
www.robotevents.com

Youth Program Grants

Deadline: Open

Sponsor: The Entertainment Software Association Foundation

Amount: Varies

Type: Social & Economic, Arts & Culture

The ESA Foundation is dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the lives of America's youth.

<http://www.esafoundation.org/application.asp>

Daily Point of Light Award

Deadline: Rolling

The power of the individual to spark change and improve the world—that's what the Daily Point of Light Award celebrates. Nominate a local hero for this award. Recognition includes a certificate signed by President George H.W. Bush.
<http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/recognition>